

California MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

NOTICES & REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 439th Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, St. Francis Hotel, August 16, 1958.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Sherman in the Georgian Room of the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, on Saturday, August 16, 1958, at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present were President West, President-Elect Reynolds, Speaker Doyle, Vice-Speaker Heron, Editor Wilbur and Councilors MacLaggan, Wheeler, Todd, Foster, O'Connor, Shaw, Sherman, Bostick and Teall.

Absent for cause, Secretary Daniels and Councilors O'Neill, Kirchner, Pearman, Harrington, Davis and Lum.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation during all or a part of the meeting were Messrs. Hunton, Thomas, Clancy, Gillette and Whelan of C.M.A. staff; Robert Huber, legal counsel; county society executives Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Pettis of Los Angeles, Bannister of Orange, Marvin of Riverside, Donovan and Colvin of Santa Clara; Doctor Malcolm Merrill, state director of public health; Doctor Marshall Porter, state director of mental hygiene; Doctors A. E. Larsen and William Gardenier of California Physicians' Service; Doctor Carl Moore, president of Kern County Medical Society; and Doctors David A. Wood, Malcolm Watts, John Keye and Francis J. Cox.

1. Minutes for Approval:

On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 438th meeting of the Council, held July 12, 1958, were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of August 14, 1958, was presented and ordered filed.

(It was pointed out that the addition of about 350 additional members by December 31, 1958, would entitle the C.M.A. to an additional delegate to the A.M.A.)

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, 66 members who had become delinquent through non-payment of dues and had now met the dues obligation were voted reinstatement.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, nine applicants were voted Associate Membership. These were: Walter D. Hawk, J. G. McCormack, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Jean Pou-teau, Marin County; Glen W. Miller, Mendocino-Lake County; Frederick A. Obrock, Riverside County; John A. Mitchell, Sacramento County; Francis J. Rigney, San Francisco County; Jan Kelson, David R. Talbot, Ventura County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded, Doctor Eugene Hall of the Inyo-Mono County Medical Society was voted Retired Membership.

(e) On motion duly made and seconded, a reduction of dues was voted for two members for a period of postgraduate study.

3. Financial:

(a) A report of bank and other balances as of August 14, 1958, was presented and ordered filed.

(b) A request was presented for a contribution

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to a campaign fund relative to one of the public propositions on the next general election ballot and, on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted not to contribute to this fund but, in accordance with usual policy, to suggest that physicians form independent committees on this proposition.

4. *Cancer Commission:*

Doctor David A. Wood, chairman of the Cancer Commission, gave a progress report, including a report of the medical director of the commission. He stated, among other things, that four regional meetings have been planned for the coming year between representatives of the Cancer Commission and the officers and cancer committee members of the county societies. He also reported that the Cancer Commission would revise and reissue its pamphlet on "Unconventional Cancer Treatments."

5. *State Department of Public Health:*

Doctor Malcolm Merrill, State Director of Public Health, reported that a diagnostic testing machine which has been prepared for sale in San Diego County was under investigation by his department and that the State Board of Health would review the investigative material at its next meeting, with a view toward determining whether or not the machine constituted a threat to the public health.

He also reported that the incidence of both encephalitis and poliomyelitis was quite low at this time. Doctor Merrill also reported that Doctor Marcia Hayes, director of the Children's Bureau of his department, is currently confined to a respirator from a still-undiagnosed affliction. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to communicate to Doctor Hayes the best wishes of the Council for her return to good health.

6. *Public Relations:*

Doctor Malcolm Watts, chairman of the Committee on Public Relations, reported that the committee had met to consider the resolutions from the 1958 House of Delegates which had been referred to it by the Council. He reported the following actions:

Resolution No. 23, referred to the Council and by it to the Committee on Public Relations, including seven "resolved" sections—The committee voted to refer back to the Council the first three "Resolved" sections as calling for policy decisions. The fourth "Resolved," relative to opinion surveys, will be covered in items in *Newsletter* asking for opinions and suggestions from members. The fifth "Resolved" was considered by the committee to be the province of the District Councilors who could report to their constituents on such subjects from Council meetings as they considered of interest. The sixth "Resolved" was felt to be already being met in

reporting Council activities in *CALIFORNIA MEDICINE* and a digest in *Newsletter*.

Resolution No. 28, relating to the basic rights of Americans—The committee felt that the intent of this resolution was already accepted as a part of C.M.A. policy and no further action was needed.

Resolution No. 32, relating to health insurance—The committee will invited the author of the resolution to meet with it to discuss his objectives.

Resolution No. 35, relative to public availability of emergency services—The committee felt the availability of advertising funds contributed by the C.M.A. to the county societies would make possible the carrying out of this proposal.

Resolution No. 58, relative to socialism—The committee felt the objectives of this resolution were already a part of C.M.A. policy and no action was needed at this time.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer to the Constitution Committee, which is to be reactivated, the first three "Resolveds" of Resolution No. 2.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the solicitation through *Newsletter* of suggestions for better communications.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that Council meeting minutes be prepared to include parenthetical explanations of the background of individual items and that Councilors be given an opportunity to append their individual reports and comments to copies of such minutes to be sent to officials in their own districts.

Doctor Watts also reported that his committee has suggested that a new plaque be prepared by the A.M.A. on the "Fifth Freedom" of free choice of physician. He also reported that his committee did not advise sending a letter to county medical societies relative to the cost of drugs under the public welfare medical care program.

Doctor Watts then discussed a philosophy of medical public relations, based primarily upon medicine's identifying itself with the interests of the individual, as a means of educating the public on the advantages of the private practice of medicine.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the committee report and provide for its distribution to appropriate officers and members.

7. *California Medical Association Standards:*

President-Elect Reynolds called attention to the fact that he and President West would soon start their official visits with county societies. He suggested a Council meeting to be devoted to the determination of standards and policies on important topics of the day, so that these officials may be

assured they are voicing official opinions in their meetings with county groups.

8. *Commission and Committee Appointments:*

Councilor Bostick, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, made the following nominations for committee and commission appointments, all of which, on motion duly made and seconded, were approved:

Doctor Herbert C. Moffitt, Jr., as chairman of the Committee on the Private Practice of Medicine in Medical Schools.

Doctors Dewey Powell and Dorothy Allen as members of the Committee on History and Obituaries; accept with regret the resignation of Doctor J. Roy Jones as a member of this committee.

Doctor Howell Wiggins of San Diego as a member of the Committee on Blood Banks, vice Doctor Thomas F. O'Connell, Jr., resigned. (Subject to approval of committee; he has approved.)

Doctor Knox Finley as a member of the Committee on Mental Health, vice Mathew Ross, resigned.

Committee on Adoptions, a new committee—George Herzog, Jr., San Francisco, chairman; William W. Belford, San Diego; John Ewer, Oakland; Joseph Telford, San Diego; Roberta Fenlon, San Francisco; John Walsh, Sacramento; Dan O. Kilroy, Sacramento; Henry Tieche, Fresno; Ira H. Degenhardt, San Rafael; Russell W. Mapes, Beverly Hills; additional names to be submitted later.

9. *California Medicine:*

Editor Wilbur reported that Doctor William A. Kiskadden had found it necessary to resign as a member of the Editorial Board of CALIFORNIA MEDICINE for plastic surgery; he recommended that Doctor George Webster of Pasadena be appointed to succeed him and, on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve this appointment.

10. *Medicare:*

Mr. Thomas reported that a new schedule of allowances for Medicare cases had been prepared following discussions with Department of the Army officials administering this program and that approval was needed to authorize signing of an amendment to the present contract to make these allowances official. He also reported that new regulations had been drafted, to become effective October 1, 1958, and that Army officials were expected to issue such regulations in the near future. Following discussion, it was regularly moved, seconded and voted to approve the substitution of the new schedule of allowances for the present schedule.

11. *Public Welfare Medical Care Program:*

Doctor West presiding; Doctor Sherman reported that the Liaison Committee to the State Department

of Social Welfare did not believe a statewide letter relative to drug costs was advisable at this time.

Doctor Sherman also reported that following a meeting with the Board of Social Welfare his committee felt that prior authorization for treatment under the public welfare program would be dropped entirely but that an orderly procedure for doing this must be established. He suggested lists of counties in the northern and southern areas where discontinuance of prior authorization might first be expected, with other counties to follow.

Doctor Sherman also suggested that a study be made of the cost of hospitalization insurance for aged indigents, using one county as a pilot area. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this proposal to the Commission on Medical Services.

12. *Committee on School Health:*

Doctor MacLaggan presented a request received from the California Teachers Association, asking that a joint liaison committee be established for the purpose of discussing school health matters of mutual concern. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve this proposal, Doctor MacLaggan as Chairman of the Division of Community Health Services of the Commission on Public Health and Public Agencies to appoint the committee.

13. *Medical Review and Advisory Board:*

Mr. Whelan made inquiry as to the advisability of printing additional copies of the Patient Attitude Test, in order to fill several orders received since the original printing was exhausted. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to print an additional supply.

14. *State Department of Mental Hygiene:*

Doctor Marshall Porter, State Director of Mental Hygiene, reported that in the 1958 fiscal year, state hospitals had shown a census decrease from the preceding year. This contrasted with the increasing rate in former years, when a new hospital was required about every two years to handle the case load. Doctor Porter attributed the reduced census to improved care and consequent earlier release of patients.

Doctor Porter also reported that a fund of \$333,000 was now available for training state hospital physicians in psychiatry. This program is expected to provide better care for patients and to reduce turnover of professional personnel.

15. *Judicial Commission:*

Councilor Wheeler brought before the Council an inquiry arising from a county society in his district, asking official policy in the handling of disciplinary

actions brought by societies following hearings by review committees of fee complaints brought by third parties. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Council notify the officers and appropriate committees of county medical societies of the passage of Resolution No. 9 by the 1958 House of Delegates and request the societies be guided by this resolution.

16. *Woman's Auxiliary:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to ask the administrative office to cooperate with the Woman's Auxiliary on plans for the reception to be held during the 1959 Annual Session.

17. *Conference of County Society Officers:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to hold the annual Conference of County Society Officers on the day preceding the January, 1959, meeting of the Council, in Los Angeles.

18. *Time and Place of Next Council Meeting:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to hold the next meeting of the Council in San Diego on September 13, 1958.

19. *California Physicians' Service:*

Doctor Heron reported that the conversion of individual contracts in C.P.S., to provide a measure of co-insurance on hospitalization, was proceeding smoothly. He also reported that fee schedules were being sent to physicians in Los Angeles and Orange Counties for use under a \$7,200 income ceiling, some contracts on which are already in force.

20. *Essay Contest:*

On motion by Councilor Foster, duly seconded, it was voted to approve essay contests to be held in high and junior high schools on the subjects "The Advantages of the Private Practice of Medicine" and "The Advantages of the Free Enterprise System."

21. *Ad Hoc Committee on Research and Planning:*

Doctor West reviewed for the Council the determinations reached by the ad hoc committee on Research and Planning and asked the members of the Council to review the original report of this committee from its initial meeting so that later consideration could be given to it.

22. *Resolution of Appreciation:*

Councilor Shaw proposed that a resolution be adopted to commend Mr. Donald Douglas, President of Douglas Aircraft Co., for his company's progressive action in providing medical and hospital services for employees and their dependents through private enterprise channels. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adopt such a resolution and to forward copies of it to Mr. Douglas.

23. *Commendation of Senator Knowland:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to forward to Hon. William F. Knowland, Senator from California, the official commendation of the Association for his prompt and effective action in supporting the Association's position on Medicare legislation in the Congress.

24. *November Council Meeting:*

It was announced that facilities would be available at Disneyland for the November Council meeting and it was voted to hold that meeting in Disneyland.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

SAMUEL R. SHERMAN, M.D., *Vice-Chairman*
JOHN HUNTON, *Acting Secretary*

Wanted by the FBI

THE Federal Bureau of Investigation requests the cooperation of the physicians in California in locating a fugitive sought in connection with irregularities in violation of the National Bankruptcy Act. The fugitive, Martin L. Manson, may be receiving medical care. The FBI has been informed that Manson told a business associate in July, 1952 that he had been treated in Oakland for a malignant tumor.

Manson was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Los Angeles on February 25, 1953, for violation of the National Bankruptcy Act.

Manson, who is known to have used numerous aliases, for many years operated a tailor shop in Santa Barbara under the firm name of "Martin's." He also established several small dry-cleaning shops and either abandoned or closed them after a few months, moving to new locations.

A physical description of Manson, according to the FBI, is as follows: Male, white, 69 years old, 5 feet 7½ inches tall, weight about 170 pounds, portly build, light blue eyes, mixed grey and brown hair, thin on top. He is proud, boastful and self-assertive. He is married and has a daughter and lists his occupation as tailor.

He has used the aliases Martin Luther Manson, Martin Leonard Manson, Bill Billinger, Martin Martinez, Rue Max Adams, Rue Leonard Adams, L. Martin, M. Leonard, Martin Leonard, Leo Leonard.

Any information concerning him should be given to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1340 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, HUbbard 3-3551, or the nearest office of the FBI as listed on the first page of every telephone directory.